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1. [redacted] a group of minesweepers was observed [redacted] on the Dvina River. Usually the minesweepers left in the morning and returned in the evening; several times they went out in the evening and returned in the morning. There were always fourteen or sixteen ships in the group. About four or five of them were slightly larger than the others and probably could be described as small destroyers. The smaller vessels were flush-deckers with square sterns. Each ship had one stack, one gun on the foredeck covered by a tarpaulin, two smaller guns on each side aft, and two long guns, probably antiaircraft guns, placed one behind the other on the afterdeck. There was also a number of floats which resembled torpedoes on the afterdeck [redacted]. They were stacked in layers of three. The larger vessels did not have these floats.

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3. [redacted] Sawmill No. 26. [redacted] probably could accommodate three ships. There was enough water along the pier. [redacted]

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[redacted] There was only an ordinary sawmill at No. 26 and there were no other factories. There was not much lumber left in stock. [redacted]

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4. There were several shipyards on both sides of the river between Sawmill No. 26 and Solombala (N 64-36, E 40-33). [redacted] one of the shipyards located directly north of Sawmill No. 23 on the west side of the river. This shipyard was engaged in the construction of lighters capable of handling 100 standard. These lighters were launched sideways. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- [redacted] observed two floating drydocks at the shipyard; there were some small merchant vessels of approximately 1,200 to 1,400 tons each in the drydocks. [redacted] observed only one large iron lighter, which left the port loaded with cut lumber. The cargo appeared to be of poor quality. 50X1-HUM
5. Except for two patrol vessels in the vicinity of Cape Orlov (N 67-13, E 41-18), [redacted] did not observe any naval vessels at sea. 50X1-HUM

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